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Poltergeist peekers crowd police but the joint refuses to jump.

Spirited Crowd Sees Spiritless House

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PORTSMOUTH — Thousands of would-be psychic researchers flocked to the Florida Avenue home of the Portsmouth poltergeist Sunday to wait with unnatural patience for a display of supernatural fireworks.

The geist, however, refused to polter. The "noisy ghost" which is supposed to have moved into the house last Thursday limited his day's activities to throwing a

couple of tomatoes and breaking a window pane.

That was at 9 a.m. and it wasn't the kind of house-haunting that can be watched very well from the street outside.

But if the ghost wasn't noisy, the crowd was.

Four of them were too noisy, in the opinion of the police captain that had to be sent into Mr. Harmon to control the crush of curiosity-seekers.

The four were arrested on charges ranging from being drunk and disorderly to "insidious conduct."

The police department had 12

men and two police dogs on duty most of the day outside the home of Mrs. Annie Daughtery, 100, and the poltergeist at 949 Florida Ave.

The dogs, snarling and snapping along rope cordons across the street, gave bystanders their only hair-raising experiences.

The poltergeist's tomato barrage was directed at Mrs. Daughtery's husband Charlie and her 12-year-old great-grandson Cleveland Harmon.

No one saw the tomatoes thrown, Mrs. Daughtery said. Both hit their targets in the chest. Shortly afterwards a win-

dow in the front door was broken out from the inside.

And that was it for the day. The Daughterys decided to leave their home for good Sunday.

But it wasn't the poltergeist that forced the decision.

"I'm not going around those crowds anymore," Mrs. Daughtery explained. "They won't leave me alone. My husband is sick and I'm not going to take him in there," she said.

Mrs. Daughtery made the decision at the home of relatives,

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